

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 629

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the congregation of Bible Baptist Church upon their fortieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the churches of our nation have been an integral part of our history as a people and have had an unparalleled impact in forming and maintaining a stable and just society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations that, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; one such dynamic community of faith is Bible Baptist Church, the members of which, are celebrating the church's fortieth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of Bible Baptist Church will be celebrating the church's anniversary on July 24-26, 2009, with several spiritually centered events, including a concert with the band Great Vision on Friday night, a bar-b-que cookout on Saturday, and culminating with a Sunday morning service of celebration with the Lord; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of Bible Baptist Church is led by Pastor Jim Crockett, who has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, integrity, and Christian belief, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his congregation and colleagues alike; and

WHEREAS, since its humble beginnings forty years ago, the church leaders and congregation at Bible Baptist Church have faithfully striven to carry out God's work in the world and continue in their mission and Christian endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Bible Baptist Church is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and Nation, and the members of this

exceptional congregation should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and to the good people of their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join in celebrating the fortieth anniversary of Bible Baptist Church, thank the members of this congregation and their ministers for their notable service to their community, and wish them much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.